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For : METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR
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DEVICE
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit : 1744

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references previously provided in parent Appl. Nos. 09/323,610 and 08/915,922, as well as 7 additional references. Copies of the additional references are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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